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REMARKS / ARGUMENT

In the Office Action dated October 25, 2004, claims 1-16 were grouped into two species and subjected to an election/restriction requirement. The species are:

species I: FIGS. 1-6; and

species II: FIGS. 7-14.

Species I, disclosed in FIGS. 1-6, pertains to a sheet dispensing system adapted for a substantially vertical operation as claimed in Claims 1- 10, and species II, disclosed in FIGS. 7-14, pertains to a sheet dispensing system adapted for a substantially horizontal operation as claimed in Claims 11- 16.

The applicant respectfully assert that Claims 1-16 are drawn to two embodiments of the invention where the sheet dispensing system provides, by the interaction of each articulated roll cover with the mounting frame, the dispensing and cutting of sheets of rolled material while protecting the operator and thereby making it difficult, in a single-hand, operation to interpose portions of the hand between the cutting members. The Applicant respectfully asserts there is no added burden on the Examiner in the search and examination of the presently pending Claims 1-16. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraw the Election/Restriction.

So as to be fully responsive to the office action dated October 25, 2004, Applicant elects species II for examination, with traverse.

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Should there be any fees for this action, your office is authorized to draw from the firm deposit account number 02-3979. Should you have any questions, or identify any problem, I would appreciate a telephone call so that this matter may be resolved promptly.

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